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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

January 5, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Further, a Declaration under Rule 1.131 by the present inventors, along with certified copies of prior Japanese applications Nos. 11-162071 (JP'071) and 11-162072 (JP'072), both filed on June 9, 1999 by the present inventors, and their verified English translations, are submitted with this paper.

Also, a petition for a one-month extension of the time period for response is submitted with this paper. This paper is being timely filed because January 4, 2004 was a Sunday.